

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph before the first sentence of the application at page 1, line 1:

This application claims the benefit of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013209 filed on November 25, 2003 under 35 U.S.C. §371, entitled, "Treatment of Granular Solids in a Fluidized Bed with Microwaves" which claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 102 60 743.5 filed on December 23, 2002.